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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please make the following amendments to the indicated claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 22 where in the cleaning method further includes a surfactant delivering an in use pH in the range of 7-10.5.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 22 wherein the halogen dioxide is chlorine dioxide and is produced using a sodium chlorite in the presence of an acid, a two or three component generator or electrolytic means.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 22 where in the halogen dioxide is present in the washing system in at least 2 ppm.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) A method of Claim 22 wherein the fabric items are ~~cleaning an item~~ soiled with chlorhexidine gluconate without setting the stain ~~comprising a cleaning device, a water source and a bleaching agent.~~

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15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The method of cleaning fabric items wherein the fabric item is placed into a cleaning apparatus with a water source leading to the fabric item and a halogen dioxide is added to the water from the water source to clean and bleach the fabric item.

23. (Original) The method of cleaning fabric items of claim 22 further including a surfactant.

24. (Original) The method of cleaning fabric items of claim 23 wherein the surfactant is a laundry detergent.

25. (Original) The method of cleaning a fabric item of claim 24 wherein the halogen dioxide is chlorine dioxide.

26. (Original) The method of cleaning a fabric item of claim 24 wherein the halogen dioxide bleaching agent and the laundry detergent are added to the cleaning apparatus at approximately the same time.